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No.II(1)/CFCP/38/2022—WHEREAS, the use of Aadhaar as an identity document for delivery of services or benefits or subsidies simplifies the Government delivery processes, brings in transparency and efficiency and enables beneficiaries to get their entitlements directly in a convenient and seamless manner by obviating the need to produce multiple documents to prove one's identity ;

AND WHEREAS, the Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection Department (hereinafter referred to as the Department), is administering the procurement of paddy under Decentralized Procurement System of the Government of India during Kharif Marketing Season and Rabi Marketing Season (hereinafter referred to as the Scheme) to provide Minimum Support Price and incentives for the Paddy procured from the farmers, which is being implemented through Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation (hereinafter referred to as the implementing Agency) ;

AND WHEREAS, under the Scheme, the Minimum Support Price and incentives (hereinafter referred to as the benefit) is given to the farmers (hereinafter referred to as the beneficiaries), by the Implementing Agency as per the extant Scheme guidelines ;

AND WHEREAS, the aforesaid Scheme involves recurring expenditure incurred from the Consolidated Fund of India or the Consolidated Fund of the State of Tamil Nadu ;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of Section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (Central Act 18 of 2016) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby notifies the following, namely :-

1. (1) A farmer eligible for receiving the benefits under the Scheme shall hereby be required to furnish proof of possession of the Aadhaar Number or undergo Aadhaar authentication.
- (2) Any farmer desirous of availing benefits under the Scheme, who does not possess the Aadhaar Number or has not yet enrolled for Aadhaar, shall be required to make application for Aadhaar enrolment before registering for the Scheme, provided that he is entitled to obtain Aadhaar as per Section 3 of the said Act and such farmer shall visit any Aadhaar enrolment centre (list available at the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) website www.uidai.gov.in) to get enrolled for Aadhaar.
- (3) As per regulation 12 of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016, the Department through its Implementing Agency, is required to offer Aadhaar enrolment facilities for the beneficiaries who are not yet enrolled for Aadhaar and in case there is no Aadhaar enrolment centre located in the respective Block or Taluk or Tehsil, the Department through its Implementing Agency shall provide Aadhaar enrolment facilities at convenient locations in co-ordination with the existing Registrars of UIDAI or by becoming a UIDAI Registrar themselves :

Provided that till the time Aadhaar is assigned to the farmer, benefits under the Scheme shall be given to such individual, subject to production of the following documents, namely:—

- (a) If he/she has enrolled, his/her Aadhaar Enrolment Identification Slip; and
- (b) anyone of the following documents, namely:-
 - (i) Bank or Post Office Passbook with Photo; or
 - (ii) Permanent Account Number (PAN) Card; or
 - (iii) Passport; or
 - (iv) Voter Identity Card; or
 - (v) Driving licence issued by the Licensing Authority under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988); or

(vi) Certificate of identity having photo of such person issued by a Gazetted Officer or a Tahsildar on an official letter head; or

(vii) Any other document specified by the Department:

Provided further that the above documents shall be checked by an officer specifically designated by the Department for that purpose.

2. In order to provide benefits to the beneficiaries under the Scheme conveniently, the Department through its Implementing Agency shall make all the required arrangements to ensure that wide publicity through the media shall be given to the beneficiaries to make them aware of the said requirement.

3. In all cases, where Aadhaar authentication fails due to poor biometrics of the beneficiaries or due to any other reason, the following remedial mechanisms shall be adopted, namely: –

- (a) In case the biometric authentication through fingerprints is not successful, wherever feasible and admissible authentication by Aadhaar One Time Password or Time-Based One-Time Password with limited time validity, as the case may be, shall be offered; and
- (b) In case where biometric or Aadhaar One Time Password or Time-Based One-Time Password authentication is not possible, benefits under the Scheme may be given on the basis of physical Aadhaar letter whose authenticity can be verified through the Quick Response code printed on the Aadhaar letter and necessary arrangement of Quick Response Code reader shall be provided at the convenient locations by the Department through its Implementing Agency.

4. In addition to the above, in order to ensure that no bonafide beneficiary under the Scheme is deprived of his due benefits, the Department through its Implementing Agency shall follow the exception handling mechanism as outlined in the Office Memorandum of Direct Benefit Transfer Mission, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, dated 19th December 2017.

5. This Notification shall come into effect from the date of its publication in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*.

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Principal Secretary to Government.